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**FAITH-CENTERED WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE**

The Editor's Notebook*Women's Health and Life*

By David Garick, Editor



These days we hear a lot about women's health needs. It sounds like an important topic and it is. The problem with this discussion is that women's health has become a code word for the very opposite of health care: the slaughter of children in the womb.

Women, by their very nature, have unique and vital health issues that we men never have to face. Women, from birth, are endowed with the equipment and ability to create new life. There are maintenance and operational issues that have to be dealt with in this complex system. Women's health needs must be taken seriously.

Sadly, modern society has taken a view of child-bearing as being an unnecessary burden on women. They see the conception and gestation of a child as an affliction, a disease that must be prevented or "cured" at all cost. It is truly tragic that our young women are being brainwashed with the misguided notion that motherhood is only a burden that gets in the way of living a life based on what is currently the social norm. Modern definitions of women's health care are centered on freeing women from their natural role in the continuation of the human species.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke eloquently about this when she said, "America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has shown violence and discord at the heart of the most

intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts ~ a child ~ as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign."

Proper health care for women is vital. But that health care must be based on protecting the life and health of the mother and her current and future children. When women are faced with reproductive issues or other health concerns, they need a place to go to receive supportive and ethically conditioned care. Fortunately, in the Columbus area we have several fine health centers that stand ready to provide that kind of life-affirming care. This issue of Catholic Times will give you an inside look at how thousands of women, many facing difficult pregnancies, are finding solutions based on the prospect of life, not the surrender to death.

## Pope: Beware of 'polite persecution' disguised as culture, progress

By Junno Arocho Esteves

*Catholic News Service*

Christians must beware of a "polite" persecution that is cloaked in a disguise of "culture, modernity, and progress," Pope Francis said.

Those who suffer this kind of persecution are not persecuted "for confessing Christ's name, but for wanting to have and manifesting the values of the son of God," he said on Tuesday, April 12 during morning Mass in the chapel of the *Domus Sanctae Marthae*.

"We see every day that the powerful make laws that force them to go on this path, and a nation that does not follow these modern, cultured laws, or at least does not have them in their legislation, are accused (and) are politely persecuted," he said.

The day's reading from the Acts of the Apostles (7:51-8:1) recalled the martyrdom of St. Stephen, who was stoned to death after firmly rebuking the scribes and elders who "always oppose the Holy Spirit."

The pope said that persecution is "the church's daily bread" and that today, "everyday men and women" are martyred for the faith.

"Only three weeks ago, those Christians celebrating Easter in Pakistan were martyred precisely because they were celebrating the risen Christ. And like so, the history of the church goes forward with its martyrs," the pope said.

However, he added, there is also a "polite" persecution that "takes away from man and woman their freedom, as well as their right to conscientious objection."

"Jesus has named the head of this 'polite' persecution: the prince of this world. And when the powerful want to impose behaviors, laws against the dignity of the son of God, they persecute them and go against God the Creator. It is the great apostasy," the pope said.

Pope Francis said that although Christians are besieged by persecution, Jesus will always remain close.

"The Lord has promised that he will not be far from us: 'Beware, beware! Do not fall for the spirit of the world. Beware! But go forward, I will be with you,'" he said.



*Front Page photo:*  
Shirley Laudick of the Christ Child Society teaches about "baby's first language" in a parenting class at the Women's Care Center on East Broad Street in Columbus.

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# Emmanuel BE HIS HOPE TO OTHERS God With Us

By Michael Ames

*Diocesan Office of  
Development and Planning*

Spring is a time for new beginnings and renewal. In keeping with the season, the Bishop's Annual Appeal will begin next weekend. The theme for the year is "Emmanuel, Be His Hope to Others, God With Us." If we truly believe that God is with us in all things and loves us unconditionally, we will be people of action. Pope Francis reminds us, "For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?" Please join Catholics all over our diocese in expressing our love for all God's people by making a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Pope Francis has declared this a special Jubilee Year of Mercy. Your donation helps carry out works of mercy throughout the 23 counties of our diocese. Many of our sisters and brothers are helped materially and spiritually by the programs and ministries supported by the Appeal. This would not be possible without your generosity. A gift to the Appeal provides essential resources and ministries that enrich parish life, strengthen families, advance church leadership, educate our future priests

and deacons, and provide for the education of our youth, the future generations of our faith.

This year, the Bishop's Annual Appeal goal is \$6.3 million. Each parish, based on its size and income, is given a financial goal to be reached in support of the Appeal. All money received in excess of the parish goal is rebated back to the parish. Many parishes finance special projects with these rebates. But most important is the special help provided to those in need or to those whose faith life will be greatly enhanced by your support of the Appeal. Imagine how many people could be reached and helped if every Catholic household made a gift, continuing the Church's tradition of generosity and loving care. Emmanuel means "God is with us." Knowing this, we must be His hope to others. This is what this year's Appeal theme reminds us and asks us to do. Please respond generously to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Additional information about the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal is available from the diocesan Office of Development and Planning at (614) 241-2550, toll-free at (877) 241-2550, by email at [devmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:devmailbox@columbuscatholic.org), or by logging on to [www.colsdioc.org](http://www.colsdioc.org).

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## Mount Carmel Groundbreaking

The Mount Carmel Health System and HealthSouth Corp. conducted a groundbreaking and ground blessing ceremony earlier this month for the future Mount Carmel Rehabilitation Hospital, in Partnership with HealthSouth. The hospital will be located at 597 Executive Campus Drive in Westerville. It is expected to begin serving patients in the first quarter of 2017. The 60,000-square-foot hospital will have 60 all-private patient rooms and provide in-patient rehabilitation services for patients who have experienced stroke, trauma, brain, and orthopedic injuries, as well as other major illnesses or injuries. It also is expected to create approximately 100 full-time jobs. Approximately 90 health care and community leaders and community members attended the event. Pictured are (from left): Deacon Jeffrey Fortkamp of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, director of acquisitions and integration for the Mount Carmel Medical Group, who performed the ground blessing; Westerville Mayor Kathy Cocuzzi; Jay Grinney, president and chief executive officer, HealthSouth; Dr. Richard Streck, executive vice president and chief operations officer, Mount Carmel Health; Barbara Jacobsmeyer, central region president, HealthSouth; Dr. Sarah Grove, medical director, Mount Carmel Inpatient Rehabilitation Center; U. S. Rep. Patrick Tiberi, R-Ohio; and Sean McKibben, president, Mount Carmel West.

Photo courtesy Mount Carmel Health

## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Passover

Did you pray for vocations this past week? I know we all did on Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I hope we all continued to pray each day throughout the week. We even have a very beautiful prayer we can use by Pope Francis. The Diocese of Columbus is very blessed to have 34 seminarians studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum in formation to be priests. Three of them are transitional deacons who will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Saturday, May 28. Sixteen of the seminarians are in the graduate school of theology, while 18 more are in the college. A demanding and rigorous college study program is difficult enough on its own. Add the discernment process and a spiritual growth that enriches your very existence, and you have young men who need all the prayer and support we can provide. Once a seminarian is beyond college and in the school of theology, things are a bit more focused on and dedicated to preparation for the priesthood. We can only imagine the daily prayer and spiritual lives of these young men. But we also can imagine the benefits our prayer and support provide for them. Let us pray for them each day.

The Jewish celebration of Passover begins this weekend. Our Jewish brothers and sisters will begin their remembrances and rituals with great passion and prayer. Did you ever wonder how the Last Supper relates to Passover? There is some history and chronology recorded in the Gospels when it comes to the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I think it is both interesting and educational to know a little bit about this. I have some knowledge provided by the Gospels and some research I have done through "Catholic Answers." I also thank Father John Allen and Father Doug Martis of the Josephinum for their assistance. The events are very similar in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John is a little different, as we will see. In the 26th chapter of Matthew, we read, "On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came up to Jesus and said, 'Where do you wish us to prepare the Passover supper for you?' He said, 'Go to this man in the city and tell him the Teacher says: My appointed time draws near. I am to celebrate the Passover with my disciples in your house.'" Similar accounts are in Mark and Luke. Lambs were being readied for slaughter in the Temple in preparation for Passover. After the meal, Jesus went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, and then was arrested. The next morning, He was taken to Pilate, condemned, crucified, and died at 3 p.m. Then Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for permission to bury the body. This needed to happen quickly, before sunset. Mark tells us, "It was Preparation Day, the eve of the Sabbath." The Synoptic Gospels agree that Jesus and His disciples, and all Jews at the time, celebrated the Passover meal on Thursday, and the crucifixion was on Friday. But John's Gospel states that the Jews would celebrate the Passover meal on the night of Good Friday. In the 18th chapter of John, when the Jewish leaders brought Jesus to Pilate, "They did not enter the praetorium themselves, for they had to avoid ritual impurity if they were to eat the Passover supper." Why is there a supposed conflict here? Next week, we will get the answer.

Our practical challenge this week is to do some spiritual reading. Read the Passion accounts in all four Gospels, keeping in mind the similarities in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John is different. No controversy here, just interesting and educational. As you read, meditate on the fact that Jesus did all this for you and me in an individual, personal, and unlimited loving way. Thank you, Lord. May our lives reflect a similar love.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.



## STEWARDSHIP EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

*Grant from The Catholic Foundation Allows Stewardship Employment Ministry to Expand*

As job markets become increasingly competitive, many Franklin County residents bear the burden of unemployment. While they still are responsible for paying the bills and putting dinner on the table for their families, the unemployed no longer have a stable income to fulfill these obligations. Most job seekers are unfamiliar with the dynamics of acquiring work and have no road map to help them navigate the job market. The Stewardship Employment Ministry (SEM) established at Westerville St. Paul Church provides a faith-based solution to guide job seekers through the hiring process.

SEM aims to provide valuable resources to the unemployed and the underemployed through workshops, webinars, and one-on-one training in resume creation and interviewing techniques. Program participants attend weekly educational sessions to prepare them for SEM's twice-a-year job fairs, which attracted an average of 32 companies and more than 400 job seekers from 2008 to 2012. SEM has made a profound impact by supporting job placement of more than 900 job seekers since its inception.

To allow these programs to remain free of charge to any unemployed or underemployed individual, SEM relies heavily on contributions from parishes. Restricted funding has prevented SEM from conducting a job fair since 2012, and the ministry has lacked the support necessary to function at its full capacity.

After receiving a responsive grant

from The Catholic Foundation, Stewardship Employment Ministry will be able to provide more opportunities to the unemployed than ever before. The grant will be leveraged to expand SEM throughout the Northland Deanery and to train leaders from other parishes to replicate the program's impact on St. Paul Church.

"This ministry has a track record of success and, with the help of The Catholic Foundation, will expand its outreach to help even more people achieve their goal of full, meaningful employment," said Deacon Dean Racine of the Westerville parish.

SEM leaders will collaborate with deanery representatives in the coming months to advance expansion plans. The Northland Deanery will be the first area to be served by the expanded Stewardship Employment Ministry, but The Catholic Foundation hopes that families from all over the Diocese of Columbus will feel the program's impact.

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. The Foundation fulfills its mission by seeking donors to establish funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to community priorities and donor intent. It is one of the oldest and largest Catholic foundations in the nation, distributing more than \$86 million in the diocese since 1985.

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## Corpus Christi to present program on Dorothy Day

When Dorothy Day was awarded the Laetare Medal by the University of Notre Dame in 1972 in recognition for her service to the Catholic Church and American society, she was honored for “comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable.”

A presentation on the life of Day, who has been declared a Servant of God, the first of the steps leading to sainthood, will be given at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 23 by Ohio Dominican University history professor Kathleen Riley.

Day was a convert to Catholicism with a somewhat checkered past when she and Peter Maurin founded the Catholic Worker movement during the Great Depression. The movement inspired many young people to follow her into the Church and give their lives to service.

Her canonization cause is not without controversy, but she was one of four people Pope Francis described as exemplary Americans during his recent visit to the U.S. Congress. The others were fellow convert Thomas Merton, Abraham Lincoln, and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

A leading historian of the Catholic Church in the U.S., exploring the “pilgrimage of Dorothy Day,” wrote in *Commonweal* magazine in 1980 that she was “the most significant, interesting and influential person in the history of American Catholicism.”

Riley, who will review Day’s life, specializes in American Catholic history and teaches an ODU course on American religious history, focusing on biography. She is also the author of two books, including one on Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

*For more information, call the center at (614) 512-3731.*

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## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COORDINATOR

Under the supervision of the Director of the Marriage & Family Life Office at the Catholic Diocese of Columbus, this full time position provides support, and serves as a resource person, to various individuals and groups, presenters and parishes for Diocesan Marriage Preparation curriculum. Provide assistance through education, research, updates, training, and in the development, implementation and coordination of the Marriage Preparation programs. The ideal applicant must possess a Bachelor degree and a minimum of two years prior experience in family studies or related studies and must be a practicing Catholic.

### *Responsibilities of the Position:*

**Marriage Preparation:** Develop, revise, and implement Diocesan Marriage Preparation curriculum and related publications; coordinate the recruitment of new presenters; provide support and continuing enrichment opportunities for presenters; provides research, consultation, and referrals regarding the Church’s teachings on Marriage Preparation issues to various individuals and groups; maintain files of material resources, programs presented, attendees, and attendee program review evaluations; publications/website – prepare monthly e-letter and seasonal topical resources for couples, families, teachers, etc.; maintain Marriage and Family Life Office web page and Diocesan web site.

**Marriage & Family Ministry:** Assist with publication of monthly e-letter family ministry newsletter; assist in parenting workshops; assist in the formation of parish family ministry groups; assist in providing regular marriage enrichment opportunities; and attend various Family Life meetings to represent the Diocesan program and its views.

**Qualifications for this position:** The ability to communicate effectively both in written format and oral presentation; ability to maintain organization, multi-task and establish priorities; ability to work with others in a diverse and collaborative team environment; exhibits initiative, responsibility and flexibility; knowledge of Microsoft software applications (Microsoft Word, Microsoft Outlook, Excel, and PowerPoint) and use of audio visual equipment is required.

Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children” course. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Benefits are according to Diocesan policy.

Send cover letter, resume and references by April 25, 2016 to:

**Dominic Prunte, Director of Human Resources at [dprunte@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:dprunte@columbuscatholic.org)**

In the marriage case styled LOGSDON - BORER, 2016/0101, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, is currently unaware of the present address of MR ROBERT EARL BORER. The Tribunal herewith informs him of the case and invites him to contact REVEREND MSGR JOHN K CODY JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 09 MAY 2016. Phone: 614-241-2500. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of MR ROBERT EARL BORER is herewith asked to make this Citation known to him or to inform the Tribunal of his current address. Given this 24th day of APRIL 2016. REVEREND MSGR JOHN K CODY JCL, Presiding Judge.

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## WEARING A VEIL IN CHURCH; DESTINATION WEDDINGS?



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** Recently, I have been “convicted” to wear a veil in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament -- both when I am at Mass and during my adoration hours in our parish’s Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. Several other women in the parish have also felt led to do so.

However, I am told that some of these women have been “counseled” by our pastor that he does not want this and feels the wearing of a veil to be prideful. As a child, of course, I wore a veil at my first Communion and even for some years afterward and never thought it to be prideful. I would like your opinion. (South Carolina)

**A.** The custom of women wearing a veil in church finds a basis in the earliest days of the church, as reflected in the 11th chapter of St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians. That custom, though, may well have reflected the cultural bias of the times, because the same chapter says “For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; nor was man created for woman, but woman for man.”

The 1917 *Code of Canon Law* (in No. 1262) said that men in church should be bare-headed, while women “shall have a covered head.” (That same canon also said, “It is desirable that, consistent with ancient discipline, women be separated from men in church.”)

But in 1976, an instruction issued by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith indicated that this 1917 directive was no longer in force. (The CDF said, “It must be noted that these ordinances, probably inspired by the customs of the period, concern scarcely more than disciplinary practices of minor importance, such as the obligation imposed upon women to wear a veil on their head. ... Such requirements no longer have a normative value.”)

In the current *Code of Canon Law*, published in 1983, the canon about head veils was not reissued. Clearly, then, women today are not required to cover their heads in church.

Does that mean that they are not permitted to? Of course not. Within the bounds of modesty, people are free to wear whatever they want -- and the only one who is in a position to judge motivation is the wearer.

If you are using a mantilla, or chapel veil, out of vanity -- to draw attention to yourself -- then that is wrong. But if you wear it as a sign of reverence, out of respect for the dignity of the Eucharist and our unworthiness before it, then that is a laudable choice. It’s your call, left to your prayerful discretion.

**Q.** What is the church’s position about “destination weddings,” which may or may not be performed by a priest? If two previously unmarried Catholics in good standing are married in such a non-church ceremony, will the church accept that marriage? (Schenectady, New York)

**A.** My take on “destination weddings” (Cabo San Lucas seems the current rage) is that they are fraught with complication, both from the religious point of view as well as the civil.

To answer your question simply, two Catholics must be married by a Catholic priest or deacon. Sometimes an “exotic” wedding venue will assure a couple that the venue will find a member of the clergy to officiate, but whether that will turn out to be a Catholic priest or deacon in good standing is always uncertain. (More often than not, it will not be a Catholic at all.)

Further, there is the matter of securing the proper license from a foreign municipal authority and assuring that the marriage will be recognized in the United States. On more than one occasion in the recent past, I have persuaded Catholic couples bent on a destination wedding to be married beforehand in a quiet ceremony in our parish church, with me as the celebrant and with a marriage license from our own city hall.

Following that, they can leave and party in the tropics with their friends and family, confident that their marriage is recognized as official by the church and by the state.

**Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 40 Hopewell St., Albany NY 12208.**

## Parise earns Eagle Scout rank



Columbus Bishop Watterson High School junior Gianni Parise earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the Boy Scouts of America’s highest honor. His Eagle service project involved converting unused space in Columbus Immaculate Conception Church’s undercroft into a storage facility for the parish’s grade school athletic program.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

## JOIN BiblioBenefit

The Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN) requests your attendance at its BiblioBenefit XII, “Under the Tuscan Moon,” from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, April 29 at the parish hall of Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road.

This is the feast day of St. Catherine of Siena, who died in 1380 and still inspires us through her spiritual writings and political boldness.

Guests will share a delicious meal, be able to take part in a raffle, and enjoy amusing entertainment provided by diocesan priests and deacons, recognizing the gift we are given in being a part of the JOIN community.

## Prayer Gathering

A citywide prayer gathering sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Charismatic Movement will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 30 at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road.

The day will start with Mass, followed by a light breakfast and a Holy Hour of adoration with contemporary Christian music by the Living Stones band. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, as well as prayer-team ministry for individuals. Anyone attending is asked to bring a breakfast dish to share. For more information, call (614) 886-8266.

## Men’s Luncheon Club

The next Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club session, on Friday, May 6, will feature Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, talking about the work of his office.

The event will take place following the 11:45 a.m. Mass at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., and will conclude by 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary. A \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch and meeting.

For information on the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club, contact its president, Tim Merkle, at [htm@ejhlaw.com](mailto:htm@ejhlaw.com).

## Morning of Reflection

A morning of reflection for women will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21 at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. It will be led by Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, and the theme will be “The Gift of Peace.”

The \$20 cost includes a continental breakfast. To register, visit [www.stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com](http://www.stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com), send an email message to [info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org](mailto:info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org), or call (740) 928-4246.

## ODU Commencement

Ohio Dominican University will hold its 105th commencement ceremony at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 7, Approximately 280 students will have degrees conferred upon them as they are joined by ODU faculty, staff, alumni, and hundreds of family and friends in Alumni Hall on the university's main campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. The ceremony will be preceded by a baccalaureate service at 9 a.m. in Alumni Hall.

David C. Bianconi, founder of Progressive Medical Inc., will deliver the keynote address and will receive the degree of doctor of humane letters.

"We are honored that David Bianconi has accepted our invitation to join us as we celebrate this landmark day in our graduates' lives," said Dr. Peter Cimboric, ODU president. "In addition to being a successful entrepreneur, David is a passionate and tireless advocate for Catholic education. We look forward to honoring him for his outstanding service to the community, which has improved the lives of hundreds of employees, thousands of customers his company has served, and the beneficiaries of his many charitable endeavors."

Bianconi founded Progressive Medical in 1986 as a provider of electromedical and other durable medical equipment. Under his leadership, the company expanded its portfolio of services and grew an average of 86 percent annually for its first 12 years. By 2010, it had more than \$300 million in revenue and more than 500 employees.

He sold a majority interest in the company in 2010 and served as its chairman until his retirement in 2013. In 2009, Bianconi and his wife, Michele, opened the Hoover Gardens nursery in Westerville.

The Bianconis live in Westerville, where they are members of St. Paul Church. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Bianconi attended The Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He and Michele are former co-chairs of the Mount Carmel Foundation's capital campaign to expand Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital. He serves on the Mount Carmel College of Nursing's board and on its executive, mission, and strategic planning and finance committees.

He also has served on the boards of the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce, the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus, the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, and St. Paul's Outreach. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus. The Bianconis have created charitable foundations at The Columbus Foundation and The Catholic Foundation.

### *Answering God's Call*

## MEETING THE RIGHT PEOPLE AT THE RIGHT TIME HAD A BIG IMPACT



### Deacon Jim Rouse

by Tim Puet

Deacon Jim Rouse says meeting the right people at the right time led him to become first, a Catholic, and later, a deacon.

"I grew up in Newport, Kentucky, went to Sunday school with my mom and my younger brother, and had a good, solid Congregational Church background," he said. "Then I fell in love with a beautiful Italian girl (his wife of 55 years, Rose). She changed my life and made it better. I was working at North American Aviation in Columbus. We were married in Cincinnati and then made our home in Columbus.

"We agreed to be married in a Catholic church and to raise our children as Catholics, but I had no intention of becoming a Catholic myself," he said. However, that attitude changed as a result of Deacon Rouse's experience with other Catholic couples, particularly a group that gathered every year for decades on the day before Palm Sunday for a paschal meal. This re-enactment of the Last Supper begins by celebrating the Jewish Passover ritual, adding Christ's institution of the Eucharist and his discourse with the disciples.

Deacon Rouse joined the Catholic Church in 1967 and was baptized at Columbus St. Anthony Church, where he and Rose were founding members. In 1971, they moved to Galion, where he became a lector and an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist at St. Joseph Church. After returning to the Columbus area, he continued to serve as a lector, first at Hilliard St. Brendan and then at Columbus St. Peter. As he neared retirement from a career as an engineer, he began thinking of how he might be able to become a more involved Catholic.

"I mentioned to Father (now Msgr.) Ed Fairchild, pastor at St. Peter's then, that I wanted to pay back the Church for all the blessings it brought me and my family," he said. "A few days later, Father Ed called me at work and asked if I'd thought about being a deacon. I was in my mid-50s and thought I was too old, but Father said that since my children were grown, this would be an ideal time."

Deacon Rouse was among the first group to take part in the diocesan diaconal formation program after Bishop James Griffin reorganized it in the 1990s. After three years of study at the Pontifical College Josephinum, he and 11 other men were ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Griffin on Feb. 1, 1997.

He served at St. Peter's for a few months after his ordination, but was assigned to Powell St. Joan of Arc Church later in 1997, remaining there until his retirement from full-time ministry in 2010. He continues to serve there, delivering homilies once a month and performing baptisms, officiating at weddings, and performing the other duties of a deacon as needed.

"Father Jeff Rimelspach became pastor at St. Joan of Arc in 1997 and asked Deacon Frank Iannarino (director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate) if he could find a business manager for the parish, preferably someone who was a deacon who could be assigned to the parish," Deacon Rouse said. "Rose and I were 'empty nesters,' so it wasn't difficult to move our parish affiliation, along with my diaconal assignment."

After serving as business manager at St. Joan of Arc for four years, he became vice chancellor of the Diocese of Columbus, serving in that role from 2002-06.

"I was honored to be asked to join the Chancery staff," he said. "That period stirred an interest in canon law. I came to realize that a common factor binds canon law and engineering. Both are rooted in logic. I'm too old to consider a formal education in canon law, but had enough knowledge and experience to be appointed a

special advocate to the diocesan marriage Tribunal.

"That position has been a rewarding one because it gives me the chance to help people reconcile themselves with the Church, fully return to the sacraments, and get on with their lives."

In the last 10 years, Deacon Rouse has served at the request of Bishop Frederick Campbell as temporary administrator of three parishes – Columbus Sacred Heart in 2006, Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John in 2009, and his home parish in Powell in late 2012 and early 2013.

He and Rose have three daughters. Deacon Rouse has baptized five of his eight grandchildren and recently presided at the marriage of his oldest granddaughter.

Deacon Rouse, 80, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati and a master's degree from The Ohio State University, both in engineering. He was employed as an engineer and manager by several companies. Today, he is an engineering consultant to various sign companies, providing information on the effects of wind loads.

He said the six couples with whom he and Rose shared the paschal meal for decades were the greatest initial influences in his faith walk. "I was attending Columbus St. Anthony then and was the only non-cradle Catholic among the group," he said. "All of us were involved in the Christian Family Movement (CFM), with Father (later Bishop) George Fulcher as moderator. He suggested the meal."

Those dinners continued until a few years ago. "We stay in contact with the remaining couples, getting together for significant occasions," Deacon Rouse said. "All of us were transplants to Columbus who bonded and consider ourselves family."

"Being a deacon for almost 20 years has been a rich and rewarding experience," he said. "I enjoy a lot of contact with people, especially when I have opportunities to preach and share the faith."

Deacon Rouse said that preaching is quite different from giving an engineering presentation, because he is sharing his faith and feelings rather than dealing with inanimate objects and matters. "It is deeply personal," he said. "I spend a lot of time preparing for homilies and always try to begin with a good story. My concern is to have a message that will be helpful, interesting, and meaningful and touch the people in the pews."

"I've served under some wonderful priests," he said. "First, Father Fairchild and all of my pastors, continuing through Father (James) Black, my current pastor at St. Joan of Arc. All have been a gift." In particular, Father Rimelspach was his pastor and spiritual guide at St. Joan of Arc for 12 years.

"When I went to the Chancery, Msgr. (Stephan) Moloney (the vicar general of the diocese) told me 'We are here to help people do what they want to do, if it can be done,'" Deacon Rouse said. "It's great to continually find ways to assist people and learn from them." He found that through Chancery service, he had better insight into the resources available to help people.

"On some occasions, people have come back and described how I've shared my faith with them in a meaningful way," he said. "Moments like that make being a deacon a gratifying experience."

Deacon Rouse believes the seeds for his journey of faith and service were planted in his childhood, germinated by the warmth of the relationships he developed through the CFM at St. Anthony's, and have been cultivated into the fruit-bearing stage by his diaconal formation and service, with the help of many people along the way.

## Science Day Participants

Fifteen seventh-grade students from Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School competed at District Science Day at Columbus State Community College. Nine of them — Derek Brooks, Elias Wahl, Jacob Baum, Ella Moscinski, Annemarie Schofield, Hannah Dilley, Catey Wolfe, Ava Hurd, and Taryn Mitchell — advanced to State Science Day on Saturday, May 14 at The Ohio State University. Twelve other students whose projects also received superior ratings at the school's science day were unable to compete in the district program.

Gabrielle Phillips was presented with a \$200 award for her investigation of music and its effect on blood pressure levels. Sarah Ranke received \$100 for a project on styles of studying and how they relate to memory enhancement. The school's science program was awarded third place overall in the district. District Science Day participants were (from left): first row, Taryn Mitchell, Sarah Ranke, Catey Wolfe, and Hannah Dilley; second row, Mitchell Clark, Derek Brooks, Elias Wahl, Jacob Baum, Ella Moscinski, Makenna Freeman, Madison Craddock, Gabrielle Phillips, Annemarie Schofield, and Ava Hurd. Not pictured is participant Christian Seckman.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Perpetual Help School



## Watterson Signees

Twelve Columbus Bishop Watterson High School seniors have announced their intent to play college sports. They are (from left): first row, Jenna Durham, swimming, Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis; Grace Thomas, cross country and track, Ohio State; Maddie Penn, swimming, Ohio Wesleyan; Adelaide Grubbe, cross country, Lake Forest; and Carrie Horan, swimming, La Salle; second row, Ben Kring, wrestling, Case Western Reserve; Garrin Bachinski, track, Wittenberg; Mark Zelnik, baseball, Ohio Northern; Nate Boone, basketball, Capital; Jake Winters, football, Wittenberg; Alex Gabel, baseball, Walsh; and Max McClelland, cross country and track, Marquette.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School



## Pope brings refugees back to Italy with him

Pope Francis greets Syrian refugees he brought to Rome from the Greek island of Lesbos, at Ciampino airport in Rome April 16, 2016. The pope concluded his one-day visit to Greece by bringing 12 Syrian refugees to Italy aboard his flight.

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## Weaknesses

One of my tasks as a strength coach is to help people identify physically weak areas of their bodies, then put them on the path to strengthening those weaknesses.

For example, single-leg balance often is challenging, but is important to practice, as this is helpful in daily life. We work on mobilizing the foot and ankle, activating the muscles in the leg that is off the ground, rooting the foot supporting the body, and so on, to increase stability and strength for improved balance.

As long as there is no medical issue, and with patient practice and good technique, balance typically improves. Where there once was weakness, there is strength that can be developed further with more repetitions or by adding weight to the movement.

Usually, it's more fun to work on movements we already are good at, rather than addressing our weaknesses. That's our human nature. But we're only as strong as our weakest links. If we ignore our weak links, it can limit our development and even put



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Lori Crock

us at risk for injury.

This is not unlike addressing weaknesses in our spiritual lives. Sometimes, we are lucky enough to work with a spiritual director, who is a coach of sorts, to help identify, guide, and strengthen us in those areas where we are weak, unsure, or maybe even unaware that there is an issue in our spiritual lives.

Our spiritual weak links might be holding us back from a deeper relationship with Jesus and maybe even with our family and friends. It may make us hesitant to serve our Church, community, and those who are less fortunate than us. It may make us less open to the

promptings of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives. We might miss the joy God desires for us.

We can ask God to show us how and where we can grow spiritually stronger. He may show us in surprising ways.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, waits patiently for us to ask, listen, and respond, each in our own way, to what He is calling us to do. We know He loves us beyond measure, even with all of our weaknesses. Our most generous God can turn our weaknesses into strengths when we cooperate with His will.

Lord, grant me the humility to see where I am weak and help me cooperate with your grace so that I can grow into the person you have created me to be. Amen.

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### 'Ride and Read' at St. Anthony

Columbus St. Anthony School fourth-grade student Liam Rice rides on a stationary bike while reading in the school library. Allowing students to ride the bike helps reduce childhood obesity while promoting literacy. Students can "ride and read" during their scheduled library time.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School



### Schools office receives \$30,000 Foundation grant

The Catholic Foundation recently awarded a grant to the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools for a multiphase plan to improve Catholic school advocacy. The \$30,000 grant will allow the Office of Catholic Schools to partner with a consultant and develop a strategic plan to raise awareness of the important role Catholic education plays in forming young people and growing the body of Christ. "We need to better express what makes our Catholic schools unique and irreplaceable," said Dr. Joe Brettbacher, diocesan school superintendent. "This grant from The Catholic Foundation will enable us to more effectively tell the story of our schools." For a listing of The Catholic Foundation's recent grants, visit [catholic-foundation.org](http://catholic-foundation.org).

Photo courtesy The Catholic Foundation

## WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE WITH A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE



24 centers in eight states. The FEMM Health Center, the newest of the three, is scheduled to reopen this week in a medical complex near OSU after moving from a North High Street site that is being redeveloped as part of a new gateway to the campus through efforts led by the university-backed Campus Partners organization.

Tim Welch, president and chief executive officer of *Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC)* for the past eight years, said his organization began in 1979 when Mike and Peggy Hartshorn of Columbus opened what then was known as the Pregnancy Distress Center in 1981 in the city's German Village neighborhood. Mike Hartshorn continues to be a member of the PDHC board of directors. Peggy for 22 years was president and is now board chair of Columbus-based Heartbeat International, the world's largest network of pro-life pregnancy resource centers, linking 2,000 affiliates on six continents.

"Mike and Peggy wanted to provide a place where mothers and pregnant women could receive compassionate care and support and where lives would be saved," said Welch, who before coming to PDHC was executive director of Ohio Right to Life from 1988-98. "Today, we're doing the same thing, just on a bigger scale. PDHC's goal is to provide women with caring, non-judgmental support and accurate information, empowering them to make healthy choices for their best possible future."

Welsh said that the six PDHC clinics serve about 5,000 women a year and saved 829 babies from abortion last year.

A constantly updated total on one of its two websites said an additional 221 babies had been saved from Jan. 1 to April 13 of this year.

Welsh said those numbers represent women who have said they decided to give birth after either coming to the centers with the stated intention of having an abortion or learning through a professional assessment performed at the centers that their pregnancies had an elevated risk of potential complications.

Welsh said one of the main reasons women make that decision is that the centers provide free ultrasound images of the infant in a mother's womb. "About eight of 10 mothers we see who are assessed as having at-risk pregnancies and get to view an ultrasound tell us they will choose life over abortion," he said. "That number may be higher, because we just don't know what the others end up deciding."

PDHC also offers pregnancy tests; accurate information about pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and the dangers of and alternatives to abortion; connection to community resources; adoption information; and healing support for anyone affected by an abortion, all free and confidential.

One of its newest offerings is the Guardian Angel Program (gaP), which is looking for volunteers to teach single mothers about budgeting and financial planning. The centers have information on all methods of birth control and their effectiveness, but do not prescribe or refer for birth control.

"We were one of the first to do ultrasounds, and we don't open an office un-

less it has an ultrasound machine," Welch said. "We also have been teaching about abstinence in schools, and we're starting to put more resources into abortion recovery programs, which we've been doing for the past decade."

PDHC receives some funding from the Diocese of Columbus, but most comes from private donors who attend one of several fundraising events or provide individual contributions. "We are an ecumenical organization, which starts every day with prayer at 9 a.m.," Welch said. "That ecumenism is one of our strengths."

Welsh said PDHC employs about 25 people full-time, with "countless" volunteers. He said its OSU-area clinic was recently remodeled, but there are no plans at this time for additional clinics. However, the organization is beginning to consider ways of providing housing for pregnant women and mothers in need. "There are no maternity homes in Columbus," he said. "That's a big hole that needs filling."

PDHC Columbus locations open every weekday are at 22 E. 17th Ave., 5900 Cleveland Ave., and 4111 W. Broad St. The Cleveland Avenue site also is open Saturdays. Clinics at 1160 W. Broad St. and 2052 Cleveland Ave. in Columbus and 1590 E. Main St. in Lancaster are open on a more limited basis. PDHC's business office is at 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. More information is available by calling (614) 444-4411 or going to the websites [www.pdhc.org](http://www.pdhc.org) or [www.supportpdhc.org](http://www.supportpdhc.org).

The two *Women's Care Center* locations in Columbus opened in 2008 and 2009 and are at 935 E. Broad St. and 3273 E.

Main St. Kim Kurth and Molly Nester are co-directors. Kurth said that last year, they served nearly 2,900 women, most of whom had pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. She said state figures indicate that about one of every 12 babies born in Columbus comes through the centers.

"Our mission never changes, but we've had steady growth in the number of women we've served in the last eight years because the word about us keeps getting out," Kurth said. "We're also seeing a lot more people come to the centers through Internet searches."

"Many of the women we serve are uninsured, don't have a family doctor, and come to us after a test they've done at home has indicated they're pregnant," Nester said. "We and the other centers like us are the first point of contact for many of these women. Without us, that point of contact could very well be an abortion facility."

"Many of the people who come here are young, single women with financial and material needs who are just scared and shocked because they are pregnant," said Kurth. "A lot of them don't have a support system. We provide them with a place that's safe, relaxed, and lets them take a breath."

Like PDHC, the Women's Care Centers provide pregnancy testing and verification, ultrasounds, and related information confidentially and at no charge.

The Women's Care Centers, in cooperation with the Christ Child Society of Columbus, also operate a Crib Club program which provides cribs, clothing, and other infant-related items at a discount through coupons women earn by using the services provided by the centers.

"We had 235 women using the Crib Club last year," Kurth said. "You can tell it makes a difference to the people who use it, because they made nearly 1,000 visits, which works out to an average of four-plus visits apiece."

The East Broad Street center is located in a restored Victorian-era house with elegant wooden paneling, a curved staircase, and a large parlor, recalling the era when that street was a boulevard of similar homes for the well-to-do. It provides

**Far left: The Pregnancy Decision Health Center near the OSU campus. Left: PDHC volunteer Johanna Helba (left), nurse and center manager Stephanie McGee, and president Tim Welch.**



**Kim Kurth (left) and Molly Nester of the Women's Care Centers. The East Broad Street location is at right.** Story, photos, Tim Puel; top left, PDHC

a place with a comfortable look and feel for the mothers who come there individually and who gather in the former parlor and adjoining dining room for parenting talks and classes. During a recent *Catholic Times* visit to the site, a talk and video on the language of infants attracted about 20 mothers and children, with the crowd overflowing those spaces and spilling into the entrance hall.

Classes are scheduled for parents of infants and toddlers from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, and for expectant parents at the same time on Thursdays, with sessions open to all from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturdays. Subjects for each week's classes are different. The Crib Club is open after the Tuesday and Thursday classes.

A new series of classes specifically for young mothers, which began in March on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. and continues through May 11, has proven to be very successful. Those classes, like the ones for expectant parents, are taught mainly by registered nurse Terry Borchiewicz.

"They are being attended by girls no older than 21, some as young as 13," Nester said. "Most of those attending these classes were referred by someone. We're hoping classes like these will play a big role in reducing Franklin County's alarming infant mortality rate." State figures for 2014, the latest available, showed that 118 infants, far more than in any other Ohio county, died in Franklin County that year. The county's infant mortality rate of 8.4 deaths per 1,000 live births also was well above the national average.

Those unpleasant figures have been offset somewhat by the trend in abortions in



the county and Ohio, which have steadily declined in recent years. Ohio Department of Health statistics say the 21,186 abortions performed in Ohio in 2014 marked an 8.7 percent decrease from 2013 and was the lowest number since 1976, when the state began keeping records.

There were 3,876 abortions in Franklin County in 2014. "That represents nearly a 36 percent decline from 10 years earlier in the county," Kurth said. "That's still far too many, but it's an encouraging trend. There are many reasons for it, and among them may be the education and the support provided by pregnancy centers."

The two Women's Care Centers in Columbus are part of the nation's largest group of crisis pregnancy centers. The group was founded in 1984 in South Bend, Indiana, by Doctor Janet Smith of the University of Notre Dame. Its centers are also in nine cities in Indiana, two in Wisconsin, and one each in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Maryland, and Florida, and serve about 23,000 women annually.

The Columbus centers, though they are not formally affiliated with the Diocese of Columbus and are ecumenical in nature, have a strong Catholic presence on their board. Bishop Frederick Campbell is chairman, and among the board's other Catholic members are Rick Jeric, diocesan development director; Father Michael Watson, pastor of Delaware St. Mary Church; and Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer and his wife, Shelley.

The East Broad Street location is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, and its phone

number is (614) 251-0200. The East Main Street center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Its phone number is (614) 235-3000. The website for the centers is [www.womens-carecenter.org/locations/columbus](http://www.womens-carecenter.org/locations/columbus). (A similarly named website, ending in .net, provides a link to a Columbus medical practice serving pregnant women that has connections to the Mount Carmel Health group, but not to the two centers.)

**The FEMM Center** opened across the street from OSU in October 2013 and became state-certified the following year. It served about 375 patients last year, said its founder, Anna Halpine of New York City. It was the first FEMM center in the United States, and has been joined by centers in New York City, Oklahoma City, and Lafayette, Louisiana.

This month, FEMM hosted a medical training program for doctors in Europe in preparation for opening centers there. FEMM is an acronym for Fertility Education and Medical Management. The program is affiliated with the World Youth Alliance, a global coalition founded by Halpine in 1999 to promote the dignity of the individual, and with the Reproductive Health Research Institute.

Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace said in remarks to the training program that those organizations "have developed cutting-edge educational and medical programs to advance care for women's health in response to needs ex-

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pressed by governments, civil society, and the Church. As such, these organizations exemplify the Holy Father's words (in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*): "Science and religion, with their distinctive approaches to understanding reality, can enter into an intense dialogue fruitful for both."

The youth alliance received a Papal Foundation grant last year in recognition from the pope of its work in support of the poor and the defenseless.

Halpine describes FEMM as "a women's health program that teaches women to understand the link between their hormones and their health and to monitor this link through observation of their hormonal biomarkers. Once women understand their bodies, they can identify changes from normal to abnormal, and seek medical care as needed."

She said her program monitors signs and symptoms including menstruation, cervical fluid, acne, mood swings, weight gain, and pain to assess hormonal levels and to time the support and treatment of reproductive disorders. FEMM aims to provide every woman

with a diagnosis, followed by effective treatment.

The biomarker data is provided to medical professionals on the FEMM staff who recommend an appropriate course of action to respond to each woman's particular hormonal imbalance or health needs. "We don't prescribe contraceptives," Halpine said. "The pill may correct symptoms, but doesn't correct the health difficulties underlying those symptoms."

"We're not an obstetrics and gynecology center," she said. "Our role is one of education and basic gynecologic care and treatment. We're a first stop in a long-term health care process in which we also refer women elsewhere, such as to an ob-gyn physician, for more extensive consultation." PDHC's Welsh said his centers and FEMM worked closely together when FEMM was at its former location, and expect to do so again now that the FEMM center is reopening. FEMM office manager Zeba Haydar said more than half FEMM's Columbus clients have been PDHC referrals.

FEMM's new location is at 941 Cha-

tham Lane, Suite 206, just off Kenny Road in north Columbus. Its staff consists of Haydar, nurse practitioner Maureen Judson, Dr. Alicia Thompson, and Dr. Lindsay Rerko, who is on maternity leave. Its hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and will be expanded when Rerko returns. Haydar said that schedule is flexible and can be adapted to individual needs. FEMM's website is [www.femmhealth.org](http://www.femmhealth.org), and it may be reached by email at [columbusclinic@femmhealth.org](mailto:columbusclinic@femmhealth.org).

In addition to these organizations, other groups in the Diocese of Columbus which offer support of various kinds for women from a pro-life perspective on pregnancy and parenting include Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County in downtown Delaware; Heartbeat International; the Birthright pregnancy support centers at 41 N. Skidmore St. and 4768 N. High St. in Columbus; the Bethesda Healing Ministry for anyone affected by abortion; the Christ Child Society; the Elizabeth Ministry of several parishes; Catholic Social Services; St. Stephen's Community House; and the St. Vincent Family Center.



**Zeba Haydar, office manager of the newly reopened FEMM Center for women's health care in Columbus.** CT photo by Tim Puet

Information on these organizations may be obtained through their websites or through the diocesan Office for Social Concerns via the diocesan website, [www.columbuscatholic.org](http://www.columbuscatholic.org) or by calling the office at (614) 241-2540.



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### Grandparents Day in New Lexington

New Lexington St. Rose School celebrated Grandparents Day, with “Lights, Camera, Action” as the day’s theme. Pictured are Kerry Thompson (left) and Kaleena Thompson with their grandmother, Stephanie Smith. Grandparents were treated to lunch, and many had their pictures taken afterward. Before lunch, grandparents and students participated in the school’s weekly Mass. Each class at the school designed a presentation board that featured pictures of its students’ grandparents.

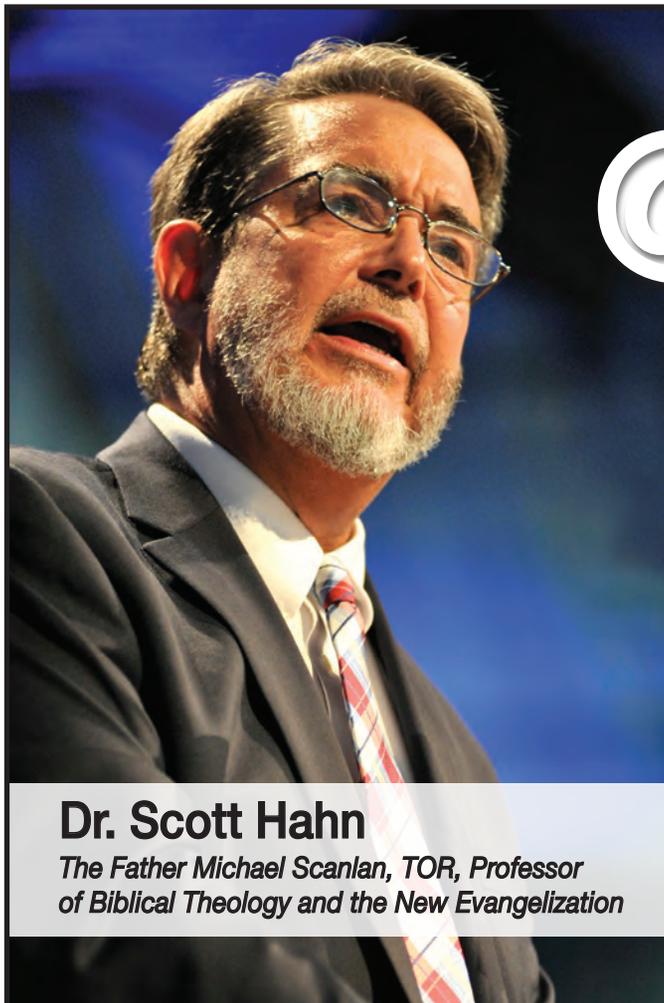
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### ST. ANDREW SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS



Six Columbus St. Andrew School seventh-grade students competed in the district science fair in March and will continue on to the state science fair on Saturday, May 14. Pictured are (from left): ; Kristin Fisher, Bridget Korn, Jake Ryan, and Isabella Roscoe. Not pictured and also competing at the state level are K. Nowinski and C. Nowinski.

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cycle C)

## God opens the door of faith to the Gentiles



Father  
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**Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a;  
John 13:31-33a,34-35**

Acts describes parts of Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey, which was really something new. The whole idea of missionary activity was new, and it was originally the church of Antioch in Syria who had decided that Paul and Barnabas should undertake this journey to spread the word about Christ Jesus throughout Asia Minor (modern Turkey).

In addition to Lystra and Iconium, there was also an Antioch found in this region. Most good Bibles will have maps of the New Testament period, and readers can easily locate these cities. Antioch was a plateau city with a good view of the surrounding area and well-defended by natural barriers. It was on the Roman highway, which gave it broad exposure to traffic going east and west. It was no accident that Paul would have stopped here for a time, because there was a large Jewish population there, and he always began his preaching in local synagogues.

After suffering severe rejection throughout this region, including at Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe, Paul and Barnabas eventually return to Antioch, and after appointing elders (Greek *presbyteroi*) to care for each church, they return to the coastal cities of Attalia and Perga. From there, they sail back to Antioch in Syria, from where the journey had begun, to report of their successes along the way, always attributing the work to God ("what God had done with them").

Most importantly, God had "opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." This was especially important to the church in Syria, which had been the first to admit Gentiles. Although Antioch also had a large number of Jewish converts who insisted on observing the law of Moses,

## Poll respondents back Little Sisters of Poor in government dispute

By Catholic News Service

According to a Marist Poll survey, a majority of Americans say it is "unfair" how the federal government is treating the Little Sisters of the Poor in the ongoing dispute over compliance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services contraceptive mandate.

Fifty-three percent of those polled called it unfair, while 32 percent said it was not.

In the dispute, the federal government has sought compliance from most employers, including religious employers, with the contraceptive mandate, requiring them to provide contraceptives as part of employees' health insurance plans -- even if the employer morally opposes the coverage.

the mix of Gentiles and former Jews was encouraged to hear that Gentiles had embraced the faith during this first journey.

What impresses us is the perceived need for appointing elders to watch over each of the churches Paul and Barnabas established. They saw to it that each church was given to the protection of those who would watch over the church, in an ingenious way to assure a link with the founders and ultimately with Christ.

In Paul's letters, he speaks only about appointing *deacons* and *overseers*, but never *elders*. However, Paul wrote almost 30 years before Luke. By the time Luke wrote, it seems that the threefold mix of deacons, elders, and overseers was widespread throughout the churches. Luke probably is thinking in terms of what his own day was like, not Paul's.

Revelation's vision is of "a new heaven and a new earth," and the heavenly Jerusalem "coming down out of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." It is inspired by the idea of heaven wedded to earth by the incarnation of Christ, who transforms the human condition and "makes all things new." It is especially comforting and often chosen for the celebration of funerals.

The Gospel returns to Jesus' farewell speech, in which he notes the glorification of the Son of man, but only after Judas has departed the dinner to begin his act of treachery. It is a glory that he shares with the Father, inasmuch as the Father and the Son are one. The treachery which begins this glorification comes after the haunting line "It was night." But Jesus is "the light which shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

From this follows a new commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." This "love" is *agapan* in Greek. It means the self-sacrificing love the Son has for the Father. Only when people are willing to sacrifice their own comfort and interests for the sake of the other can we fulfill this "new commandment."

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While the court of public opinion may be with the Little Sisters of the Poor, the court that matters most -- the Supreme Court -- has signaled a 4-4 deadlock on the issue, but on March 29 the court asked both the government and the sisters to submit new filings in the issue. Some filings were submitted April 12, while further filings were expected April 20.

The justices' request came about a week after the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the challenge of the mandate by the Little Sisters and several other Catholic and other faith-based entities. The court asked both sides in the suit to consider a proposal that such coverage be provided through an alternative health care plan without involving the religious employers in a legal brief filed with the court.

## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
1 Peter 5:5b-14  
Psalm 89:2-3,6-7,16-17  
Mark 16:15-20

TUESDAY  
Acts 14:19-28  
Psalm 145:10-13b,21  
John 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY  
Acts 15:1-6  
Psalm 122:1-5  
John 15:1-8

THURSDAY  
Acts 15:7-21  
Psalm 96:1-3,10  
John 15:9-11

FRIDAY  
Acts 15:22-31  
Psalm 57:8-10,12  
John 15:12-17

SATURDAY  
Acts 16:1-10  
Psalm 100:1b-2,3,5  
John 15:18-21

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2016

### SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus, and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378).

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

### DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

We pray Week I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

# Putting more joy in our lives

Joy is a special condition and a very happy way to live. All too often in our fast-paced, modern world, we become stressed and frazzled, and seemingly wonder where all our energy and happiness went. God gives us opportunities to put our lives in balance, but we can't seem to see the trees for the forest.

Weather certainly can help bring joy. Lately, our weather has begun to turn better, and it certainly makes the day seem happier. While on a recent film project to help a couple of faith-oriented directors in Hollywood, I never saw a cloud in the three days I was there. We all can relate to living here in Ohio and not seeing the sun for a week during a cold winter or a wet spring. It can play tricks with your mind.

It never ceases to amaze me that in the sprawl and 24/7 traffic jam that is the greater Los Angeles area, you can find hiking paths in the Hollywood hills and can see all kinds of wildlife and even warning signs for venomous snakes. There are places where you can close your eyes and not see a single building, house, or structure. Even in places where the dark side is prevalent, God uses the beauty of his creation to provide an alternative and let people see the true light that is his truth and love. Joy is always near. We just have to believe and live it.

Some of us probably have seen people display rage, which is the polar opposite of joy. Sometimes this condition is helped along by alcohol and other substances. Whatever the cause, observing someone



## THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM

David Hartline

threatening or attempting to severely harm another person is a scary sight and something one doesn't forget. God never intended this for us, yet some people seem to relish it.

This is not to say that all anger is bad. Jesus displayed anger, but it was righteous anger, not a threatening display of theatrics. We can show anger if it is necessary to prevent a greater evil. However, living in a state of anger all the time can take years off your life.

The successful coach, movie director, or business leader knows when to use a raised voice in the right way for effect, as compared to the coach who always is trying to give a Knute Rockne-style speech. It can work once in a while, but it eventually becomes old-hat and loses its effect. Even the legendary Rockne used the famous "Gipper speech" only once, and that was several years after George Gipp had died.

Once we experience joy, we never want to give it back. When the apostles left Jerusalem, they became changed men. Gone were the foul-mouthed, loud-mouthed men who initially joined the Way. They

were now older and wiser, and their three short years with Jesus made them realize they could not continue to travel the same path they once did.

There is a story of a faithful Catholic psychologist who was invited to an expensive dinner as a thank-you for personal advice he had given a fellow parishioner. He felt somewhat guilty when seeing the prices on the restaurant's menu. Then he noticed two men engaged in an intense conversation a couple of tables over. The psychologist noted that both men ordered the most expensive item on the menu, and were seemingly shoving it down their throats with no sign of joy and gratitude.

The following night, the psychologist took his son to a professional baseball game, where both father and son noticed a man seated next to them meticulously putting ketchup and mustard on his hot dog. The man ate the hot dog with 10 times more care and joy than the two men the previous night who were so engrossed in their business conversation that they didn't seem to enjoy their highly expensive fare.

This is a fitting metaphor for life. In the same way that man enjoyed his hot dog, we always should be trying to accomplish each task and live each day with the kind of joy we hope to personally witness in heaven.

*Hartline is the author of "The Tide is Turning Toward Catholicism" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.*

## "SACRED WOMEN" PROGRAM IS INSPIRED BY MOUNT CARMEL'S CARE

A program titled "Sacred Women: Celebrating Courage, Survival, and Transformation," honoring five women for their impact on the world during times of struggle, will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at Grove City United Methodist Church, 2684 Columbus St. Proceeds will go to the Mount Carmel Foundation, providing essential resources for mission-driven programs benefiting Grove City.

The program is being hosted by Cynthia and John Kazalia, who have experienced some difficult health situations and have been inspired by the compassionate and excellent care they received from the Mount Carmel Health System. They say Mount Carmel saved John's life in 2014 and Cynthia's in 2015. Lessons they learned during these times have prompted them to assist other families in receiving support and recognizing the miracles and opportunities which exist during life's unexpected detours.

The program will honor Roberta Adams, Twinkle French-Schottke, Diane Higginbotham, Dr. Gina Moody, and Mary Mulvany.

Adams is a cancer survivor who spent much of her career in education as a guidance counselor at Grove City High School. She has helped thousands of students discover their own voice and unique gifts. Her

motto, "Cherish Each Day," is a reminder that every day is precious.

French-Schottke serves as a specialist and program director for the Moms2B Program, which targets central Ohio regions with the highest infant mortality rates and provides weekly support sessions to educate high-risk women on making healthier choices which will enable them to deliver healthy, full-term infants. As the mother of a disabled child who now is an adult, French-Schottke advocates for the disabled to ensure their rights and quality of life.

Higginbotham is a woman of faith who donated a kidney to a stranger. She has impacted thousands of lives through her work at The Columbus Foundation, Lifeline of Ohio, and Columbus State Community College.

Moody is part of the Mount Carmel team of doctors, nurses, paraprofessionals, and rehabilitation specialists who saved the Kazalias' lives. Her expertise saves critically ill or injured patients and guides families in recovery and rehabilitation.

For most of Mulvany's career in education, she worked at Finland Middle School in the South-Western City Schools District. She currently is an auxiliary teacher at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help

School and is a hospice volunteer. In 2010, she was involved in forming the Success Beyond the Classroom Foundation, a nonprofit organization which has provided scholarships helping hundreds of South-Western district students to pay participation fees for middle- and high-school sports and music programs.

Tickets for the program are \$25 each for adults. Children 18 and younger are free. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://sacred-women-of-grove-city.ticketleap.com/sacred-women>. There will be opportunities to donate at the event.

**It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when traveling or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes. The website [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org) makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one page. It includes Mass schedules for 117,000 churches in 201 nations or territories. The service also is available by phone. The number is (1-858) 207-6277.**

## Pray for our dead

**ANDORFER, Robert, 94, March 28**

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**BENNETT, Charles R., 85, April 11**

Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

**BUTTKE, David A., 66, April 11**

St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

**CARPENTER, Donna L., 85, April 12**

St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

**CHRISTY, Maryanne, 62, April 14**

St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**CLARK, Margaret, 82, April 9**

St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

**COLOPY, Carol, 81, March 22**

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**CULLERS, James J., 85, April 11**

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**GALUSKSA, Catherine, 87, formerly of New-  
ark, March 25**

Queen of Angels Church, Port Angeles, Wash.

**GIORGIONE, Edmund E., 69, April 12**

Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

**HELBLING, Therese, 85, April 7**

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**HOLDEN, Rose M., 69, April 11**

St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**HOPE, Patrick, 54, April 11**

Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

**IMLAY, Mary H., 95, April 7**

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**JEFFRIES, Joann, 89, April 13**

St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**JOHNSON, Philip M.G., 57, April 9**

St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**KELLEHER, Joseph D., 91, April 12**

Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

**KOLAT, Frank, 84, April 3**

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**McGONAGLE, Alice I., 90, April 13**

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**MOSES, Gayle, 67, April 10**

St. John Church, Logan

**MULHERIN, Norine E., 88, April 13**

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

**MYERS, Nathan C., 37, April 13**

St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

**ORLANDO, Helen, 88, April 7**

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**PARSON, Jack, 88, April 14**

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**PETICOLAS, Elizabeth L., 89, formerly of  
Worthington, April 10**

St. Paul Church, Akron

**RICHARDS, Ruth T., 91, April 10**

Holy Family Church, Columbus

**ROSS, Rosemary, 93, March 25**

Holy Trinity Church, Jackson

**RUFFING, Eileen, 60, April 10**

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**SALISBURY, Richard, 87, April 7**

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**SAPP, Wayne, 78, March 21**

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**VESCO, Eleanor, 77, April 4**

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**WALKER, Louis, 97, March 19**

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

### Steven M. "Mike" Smith

Funeral Mass for Steven M. "Mike" Smith, 54, a Columbus police SWAT officer fatally shot in the line of duty, was held Tuesday, April 19, at Westerville St. Paul Church.

Smith, a 27-year veteran of the Columbus Police Department, died Tuesday, April 12, two days after being shot while attempting to serve a war-

rant on an armed man at the man's apartment.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa; daughter, Brittany (Jake Krajewski); son, Jesse (Sydney); brother, James (Jane); and sisters, Christine (Ted) Wolf, Michelle (Butch) Shapiro, Patty (Steff) Anderson, and Teresa (Jimmy) Tyree.

## Mississippi becomes fourth state to ban dismemberment abortions

*By Catholic News Service*

A new law in Mississippi will prohibit dismemberment abortions, effective July 1.

"This law has the power to change how the public views the gruesome reality of abortion in the United States," Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life, said in a statement.

On April 15, Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant signed into law the Unborn Child Protection From Dismemberment Abortion Act, passed by the state Senate in a 40-6 vote in March and by the state House 83-33 in February.

"We applaud any effort to end abortion in our communities and will continue to support women in crisis through our efforts with Catholic Charities, adoption services, parish-based ministries and supporting organizations such as Birthright," said Father Kevin Slattery, vicar general of the Diocese of Jackson.

"There are many faithful people out there working to give women the choice of life," he said in a statement. "We hope we can continue to build and strengthen those ministries for people in need."

Mississippi is the fourth state to enact the measure, after West Virginia, Kansas and Oklahoma. According to

National Right to Life, the legislation -- based on the pro-life organization's model bill -- also has been introduced in Idaho, Louisiana, Missouri and Nebraska and may be taken up in several other states.

The procedure is a form of second-trimester abortion that "dismembers a living unborn child and extracts him or her one piece at a time from the uterus." It is called a D&E for "dilation and evacuation."

According to the National Abortion Federation Abortion Training Textbook, "D&E remains the most prevalent method of second-trimester pregnancy termination in the USA, accounting for 96 percent of all second trimester abortions."

It is different from the partial-birth abortion method used in late-term abortions, which is now illegal in the United States.

"When the national debate focuses only on the mother, it is forgetting someone," said Mary Spaulding Balch, National Right to Life's director of state legislation. "Banning dismemberment abortion in Mississippi has the potential to transform the debate when people realize that living unborn children are being killed by being torn limb from limb."



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## H A P P E N I N G S

## APRIL

## 21, THURSDAY

**NFP Class at Catholic Center**

6 to 8 p.m., Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus. First of four Natural Family Planning classes taught by diocesan-trained teachers in the symptothermal method. First session free; cost \$85 for couples that wish to continue. Other class dates: May 19, June 16, July 14. 614-241-2560

**Cenacle at Holy Name**

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

**Abortion Recovery Network Group**

7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

**Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart**

7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. 614-372-5249

**Newman Center Young Professionals Group**

7:30 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Meeting of center's group for young professionals and graduate students in their 20s and 30s to bake cookies and assemble sack lunches for various ministries. 614-291-4674

## 21-23, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

**Three Bags Full Consignment Sale**

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-

price Friday night and Saturday), Hartford Fairgrounds, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

**Ohio Dominican Presents "Blame It on the Movies!"**

7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday, Matesich Theater, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Panther Players present "Blame It on the Movies!" musical program of themes and songs related to favorite films. Tickets \$8; free for children under five and ODU students with ID.

## 22, FRIDAY

**Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House**

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting. 614-866-4302

## 22-23, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

**DeSales Presents "Annie"**

7 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School's theater department presents the musical "Annie." Tickets \$10. 614-267-7808

## 22-24, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

**DCCW Silent Retreat for Women at St. Therese's**

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual silent retreat for women, sponsored by Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, led by Father Anthony Davis, parochial vicar, Columbus St. Andrew Church. Theme: "Praying With an Unresponsive God: Insights from Dietrich Bonhoeffer." 614-228-8601

**Watterson Presents "Bye Bye Birdie"**

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School's theater department presents the musical "Bye Bye Birdie." Sunday performance benefits Hope Hollow lodging and support area for cancer patients and their families. 614-268-8671

## 23, SATURDAY

**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**

9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

**Presentation on Dorothy Day at Corpus Christi**

9 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "Dorothy Day: Servant of God," a presentation on the founder of the Catholic Worker movement by Ohio Dominican University professor Kathleen Riley, followed by lunch. Cost \$10. 614-512-3731

**Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi**

10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731

**Basic Money Management Seminar at Ohio Dominican**

12:30 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Seminar on basic money management for high school students and their parents, sponsored by ODU and Education First Credit Union. Register at [pirwitz@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:pirwitz@ohiodominican.edu).

**Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner**

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk with Shawn

Scott and Nancy Cameron. Theme: "Flowering of Spirit." Suggested donation \$5. Register by April 21. 614-866-4302

## 24, SUNDAY

**Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**

11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242

**Open House at de Porres Center**

2 to 4:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Open house at center for spirituality, education, and art sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Staff members will be available to answer questions, meeting rooms will be open, and the current art exhibit will be on display. 614-416-1910

**St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans**

2 to 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social. **Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King** 5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

**Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter**

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

## 25, MONDAY

**Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry**

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

**Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study**

7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.

## 26, TUESDAY

**Corcoran Awards Luncheon at Hilton Easton**

Noon, Hilton Columbus at Easton, 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus. Annual luncheon honoring winners of St. Vincent Family Center's Msgr. Lawrence J. Corcoran Awards for community service. 614-252-0731

**Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist**

12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass. 614-294-5319

**Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc**

Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

**Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark**

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life prayer group meeting. 740-654-6928

## 27, WEDNESDAY

**Catholic Foundation Young Professionals Group**

7 p.m., Ill Mannered Brewing Co., 30 Grace Drive, Powell. Social meeting of The Catholic Foundation's Young Professionals Group to introduce new and old members. 614-443-8893

## 28, THURSDAY

**Cenacle at Holy Name**

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests. "Resting Secure in God's Love" at de Porres Center

6 to 8:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Workshop on "Resting Secure in God's Love" with Christian leadership coach Chris McAlister. Cost \$15. Registration deadline April 25. 614-416-1910

**Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart**

7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. 614-372-5249

**"A Church on the Move" at St. Elizabeth**

7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Free workshop for catechists on "A Church on the Move: How to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion" with author Joe Paprocki. Sponsored by diocesan Office of Religious Education & Catechesis. Light snacks available. 614-221-4633

**Newman Center Young Professionals Group**

7:30 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Meeting of center's group for young professionals and graduate students in their 20s and 30s, with Karen Broering, leader of the center's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for children. 614-291-4674

## 28-MAY 1, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

**Bishop Hartley Presents "Oklahoma!"**

7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., Columbus. Columbus Bishop Hartley High School's theater department presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" Tickets \$10 at door. 614-237-5421

**St. Charles Presents "Godspell"**

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School's theater department presents the musical "Godspell." Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students. 614-252-6714

## 29, FRIDAY

**Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House**

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting. 614-866-4302

**Ecology Seminar at Corpus Christi**

7 to 9 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Live streaming of seminar on "Have We Lost Our Minds (Literally)? Ecology in an Age of Technology" from Shalem Institute in Washington with Sister Ilia Delio, OSF, theology professor at Villanova University. Suggested donation \$5. Maximum 30 participants. 614-512-3731

**JOIN BiblioBenefit at St. Andrew**

7 to 10 p.m., Nugent Hall, St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Twelfth annual BiblioBenefit fundraising dinner for Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs. Tickets \$50. Theme: "Under the Tuscan Moon." 614-241-2531

## 29-30, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

**Marriage Preparation Program at St. Elizabeth**

6 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. "The Joy-Filled Marriage," diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office marriage preparation program. \$175 fee per couple includes meals. 614-241-2560

**Retrouaille Program at St. Therese's**

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Retrouaille weekend program for couples desiring to rebuild troubled marriages. \$250 per couple. 614-288-0597

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide."

An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line.

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ST. CHARLES PRESENTS

## GODSPELL

The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School drama department is proud to announce its spring musical production, *Godspell*, which will be presented Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 28, 29, and 30, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 1, at 3 and 8 p.m. in the campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St. Adult tickets are \$10 each, and student tickets are \$5 each. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at (614) 252-6714 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The production features (pictured above) Bemnet Negatu (left) as John the Baptist/Judas, and Tim Clayton as Jesus. Also in the cast are Camron Alten-Dunkle, Natalie Belford (Grove

City), Rayquon Brown, Sarah Cabe (Cristo Rey), Ada Cleary (Columbus School for Girls), Marcus Galeano, Autumn Glenn (Bishop Hartley), Liza Goedde and Caroline Golonka (Bishop Watterson), Faith James (Bishop Hartley), Nathan Kuhr, Gavin Legrand, Nicholas Martin, Julia Pirro (New Albany), Joseph Roe, Annie Ryan (St. Francis DeSales), Mary Steele (Bishop Hartley), and Matthew Turek.

Arguably the most popular show presented at St. Charles, *Godspell* has been produced there eight times since 1983, and each production has been unique and enlightening.

*Godspell* was conceived and originally directed by John Michael Tebelak,



and offers music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. One of the biggest off-Broadway and Broadway successes of all time, *Godspell* is based primarily on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Featuring a sparkling, seminal score by Schwartz, *Godspell* boasts a string of recognizable songs, led by the international hit, *Day By Day*.

The show opened on May 17, 1971 off-Broadway and transferred to Broadway in 1976. It ran for 2,124 performance off-Broadway and 527 on Broadway. *Godspell* has entertained audiences the world over for decades. A London production, which opened in 1971, ran for nearly three years. In the last four years of its New York run, there were 25 com-

panies performing *Godspell* around the world, with eight resident companies and three touring companies. The legendary 1972-73 Toronto production featured Victor Garber, Eugene Levy, Andrea Martin, Gilda Radner, Dave Thomas, and Martin Short. Paul Schaffer was musical director. A film version of *Godspell* set in New York City was released in 1973.

*Godspell* permeated pop culture when *Day By Day* reached No. 13 on the *Billboard* Top 100 list. The first Broadway revival, starring Hunter Parrish, began performances on Oct. 13, 2011 at the Circle in the Square Theater. It officially opened on Nov. 7, 2011 and closed on June 24, 2012.

## SPIRITED SONGS

Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., will present "Come Holy Ghost: A Festival of Hymns for Pentecost" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 11. This hymn festival will feature Pentecost hymns from plainchant to the present day, some familiar and some perhaps new to you, sung by all present.

Background, commentary, and reflections on each hymn will be provided by Dr. Christopher Urbiel, parish music director. Pentecost organ music will be played by Craig Jaynes, music director at Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church, who also will creatively accompany each hymn on the church's Austin organ.

A freewill offering will be taken up to benefit the parish's music program, and a reception will follow in Johnson Hall.

BISHOP HARTLEY PRESENTS

## OKLAHOMA!

The Columbus Bishop Hartley High School drama department will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* at the Shedd Theater of the Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28 through Saturday, April 30, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door prior to each performance.

**Photo: Josh Duffy-Cooper (left) and Ryan Reed rehearse a fight scene for Columbus Bishop Hartley High School's production of "Oklahoma!"**

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School



# Cathedrals of the Ohio River

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Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches, led two busloads of pilgrims, totaling more than 100 people, on a trip to view the cathedrals of the Ohio River.

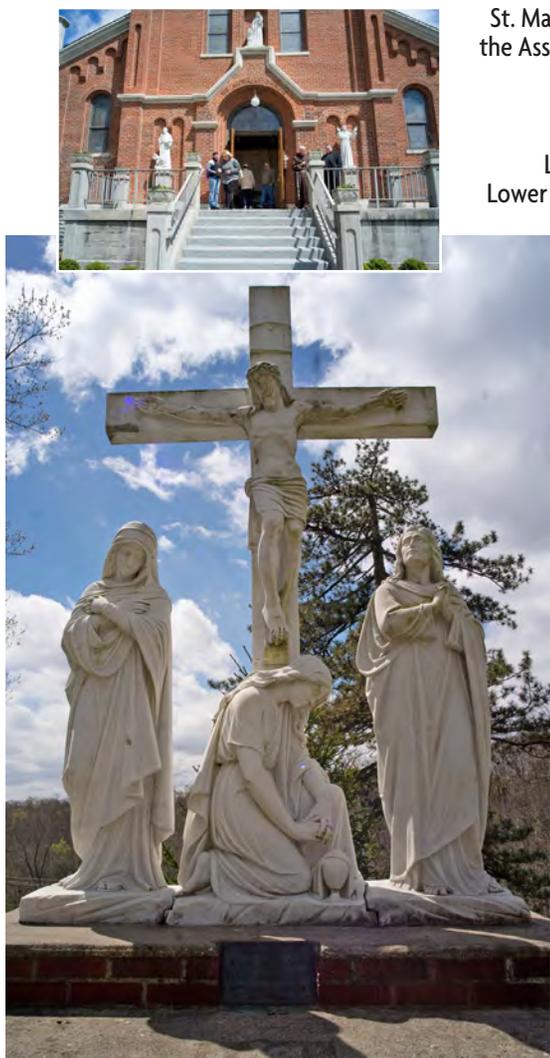
Upper left: Father Wagner presents some historical background on St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, seat of the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky (the first stop on the tour). Built in the Gothic style to emulate the architecture of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, its construction was begun in 1894 and ended, incomplete, in 1915, with its twin bell towers, planned to rise an additional 52 feet, never built. On Dec. 8, 1953, Pope Pius XII elevated

St. Mary's Cathedral to the rank of minor basilica. (There are only four major basilicas in the world, all in Rome.) The Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption is one of 35 minor basilicas in the United States. It includes the world's largest handmade stained-glass window, which is 67 feet high and depicts the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus, which in 431 proclaimed Mary as the Mother of God.

Upper right: The sanctuary in St. Francis Seraph Church in Cincinnati, with its impressive crucifix. The parish is operated by Franciscan friars and brothers, has an active school, and is the national home of Franciscan Media.

Lower left: Stone statuary in front of St. Anthony Shrine in Cincinnati. The shrine is operated by Franciscan friars and brothers.

Lower right: Tour participants pose for a group picture in front of the sanctuary of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, seat of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The mosaic in the background was the largest in the United States when installed in 1957. It depicts Jesus resurrected as "Christ the Pantocrator" (judge), seated on his throne in Heaven, with his right hand upraised in blessing and his left hand giving the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to St. Peter in Chains. The cathedral's exterior and interior were designed in the Greek Revival style.



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**Fr. Monte Hoyles, Chancellor of the Diocese of Toledo ~ Homilist**

*Reception follows in the Cathedral Undercroft*